

**ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
EMERGENCY TELECONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 24, 2007**

An emergency meeting of the Alaska Public Offices Commission came to order at 9:55 a.m. on September 24, 2007. The meeting was held at 2221 E. Northern Lights, Room 128, Anchorage, Alaska.

Brackets [] indicates an agenda item number and that an information packet will be included in the meeting binders.

Asterisk * indicates no information was included in the meeting binders.

In Attendance:

COMMISSION: Roger Holl – Chair
Elizabeth Hickerson – Vice Chair, (Teleconference)
Larry D. Wood – Commissioner, (Teleconference)
Claire VanSciver Hall – Commissioner, (Teleconference)
Shirley Dean – Commissioner, (Teleconference)

STAFF: Brooke Miles – Executive Director
Christina Ellingson – Assistant Director, (Teleconference)
Jeff Berliner – Investigator
Patty Ware – Lobbyist Administrator, (Teleconference)
Kim Wilson – Candidate Administrator
Rebecca Schneider – Acting Recording Secretary

Attendance: Margaret Paton-Walsh Assistant Attorney General Office
Rebecca Logan Public
Pat Forgey Juneau Empire, via teleconference

ON RECORD 9:55 A.M

Brooke Miles took attendance and identified all others in attendance.

Chair Roger Holl explained that the emergency meeting was called due to information brought before the Commission regarding polls being purchased by VECO for Governor Murkowski (April 2006).

The Commission discussed the limited amount of time the statute allows for complaints under AS 15.13. They encouraged staff to move forward with the legislative proposal to extend this time from one to four years.

Ms. Miles presented a follow-up complaint filed by Mr. Ray Metcalfe against all 60 seated legislators regarding the alleged polls allegedly paid for by VECO.

Commissioner Hickerson moved that staff open an investigation into whether or not VECO paid for political polls for candidates, in violation of APOC statutes and regulations as well as any other violations that may be discovered.

Commissioner Dean seconded the motion

The motion passed 5-0 in favor.

The Commission directed staff to make this matter a priority item and to expedite the investigation.

Commissioner Wood moved to adjourn.

Commissioner Hall seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0 in favor.

OFF RECORD 10:26 A.M.